

Living Word

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November 2012 Newsletter

THESE WERE ALL COMMENDED FOR THEIR FAITH, YET NONE OF THEM RECEIVED WHAT HAD BEEN PROMISED, SINCE GOD HAD PLANNED SOMETHING BETTER FOR US SO THAT ONLY TOGETHER WITH US WOULD THEY BE MADE PERFECT.



HEBREWS 11:39-40

"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

Worship Hours:

Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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What we aim to do:
Make disciples for Jesus - as we go, wherever we go.
What we aim to be:
A joyful, caring, Christ-centered family of God.

Question for Pastor...

What dreams do you have for the future growth of Living Word?

This is a question similar to the one on cards handed out to everyone who attended our Dedication Service. On that card we were looking for answers that are a bit more specific to God's purposes for our *building*:

My Vision / Dream for the future of this building is

If you weren't able to attend the dedication or didn't come up with an answer to put on your card, you still have a chance. We'll be collecting those "Dream/Vision" cards the next few Sundays. We will then add them to the "Time Capsule" that we are putting together to give future members of Living Word a glimpse of what was going on in our congregation at the time our new facility was dedicated.. It will be interesting to open the Time Capsule 15 or 20 years down the road and see how many of the building dreams and visions became reality.

Back to the question above. That question was posed to me by Rev. Mike Ruhl who heads up the Missouri Synod's Center for U.S. Missions. Some of you met Pastor Ruhl when he was here in 2011 for our Strategic Planning Weekend.

I had three (at least) answers for that question. Here's the first - and in my mind, the most important:

My first dream is that we would be known in the community as a church that leads people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus - not a place where people just "go through the motions of



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church"

After all, the purpose of Living Word is to make disciples for Jesus. A disciple is someone who seeks to

- 1) Know Jesus (not just know stuff *about* Him),
- 2) Grow to be like Jesus, and
- 3) Go into their world to help others do the same.

Knowing Jesus, growing to become like Him and going to share Him with others is indeed life-changing.

This kind of life-change happens best as people get involved in small groups within the church. Groups that get together for study, for fellowship and for undertaking service projects. In fact, a member of one of our study groups made this comment recently, "Being a part of this study group has changed my life." That's not a coincidence. That's how God works and that is our goal.

My second answer:

That Living Word would grow numerically to a place where we are able to move onto Building Phase 2 within five years.

A couple of the "Building Dreams and Visions" cards came back with similar answers. One example, "*My dream is that this building would quickly become too small*"

When Pastor Strohschein, who preached for our Dedication Service, asked what our Dedication Sunday theme was going to be, I told him, "We're not done yet." (i.e. "We aren't celebrating the 'end' of our project, but rather the 'beginning' of what God has planned to do in, with and through us."

Phase 1 of our Building Project was simply to get us "started." It was designed to be a multi-purpose space that would accommodate worship, fellowship, and classes but was not designed to be adequate for any of these long-term. Phase 2 will add a dedicated worship space and will allow us to transform the Phase 1 area into more dedicated classroom and fellowship space.

My final answer:

That Living Word would build on its "Family-Friendly" reputation and be able to add a Christ-Centered Pre-school or a home-school center.

The best time to start making disciples is when those disciples are little. Kids are not the future of the church, they are part of

the church right now.

So, what are *your* dreams for Living Word? Please take time to fill out one of the cards at worship. Or you can simply email your answer to me at pastor@livingwordlutheran.net.

Thanks for asking (and answering)
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Thanksgiving Eve Worship...

Wednesday, November 21 @ 7:00 p.m.
The Lord's Supper will be celebrated

Please use the Song-Suggestion Box to let us know favorite songs of Thanksgiving and Praise that you'd like to sing at this service.

A SPECIAL THANK-OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED AT Our Thanksgiving Eve Worship

God commanded the Israelites to come to the temple once a year for a joyful celebration of the blessings God provided in the harvest. This harvest festival was called The Feast of Weeks.



Then celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you. Deuteronomy 16:10

With that in mind we will come together on Thanksgiving Eve for a special joyful celebration of the blessings God has provided us. We're each encouraged to bring a special freewill offering in proportion to how God has blessed us this past year.

Please pray about your Thank-offering proportion..

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

King David in 1 Chronicles 29:14



Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

The presidential debates have ended, and we are being bombarded by political ads as Election Day fast approaches.

One important issue that should not get lost in all the rhetoric is that of religious liberty, which has come under attack in recent months. To help spread the word about the importance of protecting our religious freedoms, we developed an education and awareness campaign called "Free to Be Faithful."

Through this effort, we are offering resources that provide clarity regarding the church's role in matters of Christian citizenship. On the website, www.lcms.org/freetobefaitful, you can find:

- Articles such as "God Values Life" and "Repeating History"
- A timeline of the fight for religious liberty
- Tips on how to talk to your neighbor about religious freedom
- "Frequently Asked Questions" about this important matter
- A sample letter you can personalize and mail to your representatives

We invite you to explore, learn more — and share — these wonderful resources. We encourage all members of the LCMS to follow "their reason and all their senses" in supporting candidates, legislation, and social and political efforts they believe would improve society — and safeguard our precious religious liberty. As Scripture commands us, we pray that all of our elected leaders and those running for office lead according to God's righteous standards because "righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34 ESV).

God bless you and God bless America.

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

President

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Discipleship 101

One thing has not changed even though we are in a new building:

**Our mission is still - and always will be -
To Make Disciples.**

The best way to help other people become disciples of Jesus is to *be* a disciple, so they know what one looks like. Here's what we've discovered on recent Sundays from God's Word:

+) Disciples FORGIVE others - even when we don't feel like it. That's what disciples do, because it's what Jesus did for us. The story of Joseph reminded us that God always has the power to take bad things done to us and make something good come from it. It also reminded us to leave revenge in God's hands. Our task? Simply forgive.

+) The most basic characteristic of disciples is LOVE. But not love as society defines it - based solely on feelings. Love as God defines it: *Doing what the other person needs you to do - even when you don't feel like it.*

+) Disciples are in a battle everyday with Satan whose goal is to destroy our lives - now and eternally. His tactic is always the same: he lies. He tells us that 'bad' is 'good' and 'good' is 'bad'. The only way that we can fight his lies is with truth. God's word is that truth. We win with that truth.

+) And a quick review from last month, disciples:

- Are Humble - like Jesus
- Are Focused - on Jesus
- Use their talents to "bear fruit" for Jesus

Congratulations:

- **Kim (Arends) & John England**
United in marriage at Living Word on October 13
- **Kelly Kennedy Hjelle & Adam Hjelle**
On the birth of their first child, Austin Lyle, on October 30
- **Wally & Elaine Abraham**
On their 60th Wedding Anniversary, on November 13

Please email pastor@livingwordlutheran.net if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.

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Remember...amateurs built the Ark. It was experts that built the Titanic.

Thot for a day:

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Opportunities for Growth...

Men's Study Kickoff Night:

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Fatherhood: A work in progress

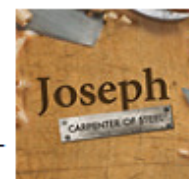
Few things in life can be more intimidating than taking on the role of fatherhood. Whether it's a planned event or one of life's little surprises it demands our full attention and a commitment to put our all into it. This Men's NetWork Bible study addresses the challenges in being loving and Christ-like fathers to our families, especially in a society that frequently portrays dads as buffoons and ill-equipped to care for themselves, much less their kids.

Fatherhood offers help to would-be-, step-, divorced, single or widowed dads, who want to make the most of their lives with their families. Being a good father isn't an impossible dream, but it does take staying the course, especially in a world where sacrifice and upright character are often not highly valued. Difficult as the task may be, there is always hope. With God at the helm, all fathers-whether rookies or veterans-can know the adventure of fatherhood as one that is full of promise and possibility for them and their families.

Joseph: Carpenter of Steel

Starting Tuesday, November 27

The man driving the Christmas story in this Bible study is none other than Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus. Join us as host Rev. Greg Seltz, Speaker for The Lutheran Hour, sheds light on one of the New Testament's unsung heroes in *Joseph: Carpenter of Steel*. Adding historical perspective to this study is scholar and best-selling author Dr. Paul L. Maier.



Sunday Morning Study:

Sundays at 9:00 am

The Intersection of Church & State

One of the things we've learned thusfar:

The First Amendment (freedom of religion, speech, press and assembly) was not written with the intent of keeping God out of governmental affairs. It was written with the intent of keeping government out of the religious beliefs and practices of the people of the country. Today, people seem

to have twisted the First Amendment to mean just the opposite - that there is no place for religious ideas in governmental affairs.

Please join us as we discover more about how Christians need to navigate the intersection of Church and State.

Mom's Study and Wednesday Noon Women's Study:

This month's study: *Unglued: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotions*



God gave us emotions to experience life, not destroy it! We stuff, we explode, or we react somewhere in between. What do we do with these raw emotions? Is it really possible to make emotions work for us instead of against us? Yes, filled with gut-honest personal examples and biblical teaching, Unglued will equip you to: Know with confidence how to resolve conflict in your important relationships. Find peace in your most difficult relationships as you learn to be honest but kind when offended. Identify what type of reactor you are and how to significantly improve your communication. Respond with no regrets by managing your tendencies to stuff, explode, or react somewhere in between. Gain a deep sense of calm by responding to situations out of your control without acting out of control.

Reminder: Childcare is provided for the Mom's Study which begins at 9:30

Confirmation Kicks off With . . .

We are on a year-long tour through the Bible. This month:

Nov 7: New Commandments & a Covenant
Nov 14: Wandering
Nov 21: The Battle Begins
Nov 28: A Few Good Men - And Women

Could You Host A Small Group Study This Fall?

One of our Core Values at Living Word is that making disciples (people who are committed to growing to become more like Jesus) happens best in small group settings.

For example, it's easier for people to get connected to Jesus through small groups. It's easier to get to know other Christians in small groups. Caring happens best in small groups. With that in mind we'd like to "plant" more small groups this fall. If you could host a small group study - at your home, a coffee house or at church, please talk to Pastor David. There are many differ-

ent kinds of studies available. We can find one that fits your situation.

Sunday Night Youth Group

For youth (grades 5+) from 7:00 to 9:00

Please feel free to bring yourself and any friends that want to come to any Sunday night group because the more people we have the better and more fun it will be. We will be starting out taking a look at the characteristics of God and what they mean for us. Sunday nights will include some activities, a short study, and some snacks, along with other special things. Please come and hang out, have some fun, and learn about God. (P.S. we will also try and mix in a special event night every once and a while.)



Coming in January...

Sunday Evenings

Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace University

From Patrick Sebey with Youth for Christ:

Below is an invitation to our comedy café on Sunday, November 11 at 7:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. Please join us for a great night out! It will include laughter, fellowship and discussion about the YFC mission.

Youth For Christ

2012 Comedy Café Tour

Daren Streblov



7:00 p.m. - Pie and Coffee
7:15 p.m. - Comedy Show
8:00 p.m. - YFC Presentation



Taylor Mason



Thurs., Nov. 8 - 7:00 p.m. Alexandria
Fri., Nov. 9 - 7:00 p.m. Redwood Falls

Sat., Nov. 10 - 7:00 p.m. Hutchinson
Sun., Nov. 11 - 7:00 p.m. Willmar

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November - Daily Devotionals

We begin the month preparing for the election by reading about the qualifications of rulers and our responsibility as citizens in the world. Thanksgiving Day is all about having an "attitude of gratitude" so we finish the month finding out what God says about our attitudes and thoughts

Wk of Oct 28 Daily Readings Qualifications of Rulers

Oct 29 Deuteronomy 1:9-18 _____

Oct 30 Deuteronomy 17:14-20 _____

Oct 31 2 Chronicles 19:4-7 _____

Nov 1 Psalm 2:10-11 _____

Nov 2 Proverbs 20:28 _____

Nov 3 Proverbs 29:4, 12, 14 _____

Week of Nov 4 Daily Readings People's Responsibility to Their Rulers

Nov 5 1 Timothy 2:1-8 _____

Nov 6 Romans 13:1-7 _____

Nov 7 Exodus 22:28 _____

Nov 8 Matthew 22:15-22 _____

Nov 9 1 Peter 2:13-17 _____

Nov 10 Titus 3:1-2 _____

Wk of Nov 11 Daily Readings Attitudes and Thoughts

Nov 12 Philippians 2:1-8 _____

Nov 13 Ephesians 4:17-24 _____

Nov 14 1 Peter 4:1-5 _____

Nov 15 Genesis 6:5-8 _____

Nov 16 Psalm 10:1-5 _____

Nov 17 Psalm 139:1-4 _____

Wk of Nov 18 Daily Readings Thoughts

Nov 19 Ecclesiastes 10:20 _____

Nov 20 Isaiah 55:5-9 _____

Nov 21 Matthew 9:1-8 _____

Nov 22 Matthew 15:16-19 _____

Nov 23 Romans 8:5-9 _____

Nov 24 Romans 12:1-3 _____

Wk of Nov 25 Daily Readings What to Focus ~~Our~~ Minds On

Nov 26 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 _____

Nov 27 Ephesians 2:1-5 _____



Nov 28 Philippians 4:4-8 _____

Nov 29 Colossians 3:1-17 _____

Nov 30 Hebrews 3:1-6 _____

Dec 1 Hebrews 4:12-13 _____

November 2012 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 28 DEDICATION SUNDAY 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Sunday School - Adult Forum 10:00 Worship 4:00 DEDICATION WORSHIP	Oct 29	Oct 30 6:30 Men's Study "Fatherhood" 2	Oct 31 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:15 Confirm. Meal 6:30 Confirmation	Nov 1	2 	3 11:00 Smoke Detector Battery Giveaway Before you go to bed, set your clocks back one hour
4 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Sunday School - Adult Forum 10:00 Worship w/ Lord's Supper 1:00-3:00 Directory Pictures 7:00 Youth Group	5 9:00 Circuit Pastors @ Living Word	6 ELECTION DAY 6:30 Men's Study "Fatherhood" 3	7 9:30 Mom's Study "Unglued" Noon Women's Study "Unglued" 6:15 Confirm. Meal 6:30 Confirmation	8	9	10 10:00-2:00 Church Directory Pictures
11 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Sunday School - Adult Forum Church & State 10:00 Worship w/songs led by Sweet Adelines group 11:15 Coffee/Cake for Wally & Elaine 1:00-3:00 Directory Pictures 7:00 Youth Group	12	13 6:30 Men's Study "Fatherhood" 4 7:15 Elders' Team	14 9:30 Mom's Study "Unglued" Noon Women's Study "Unglued" 6:15 Confirm. Meal 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Fall Voters' Ass'y 7:00 LWML	15 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	16 <div> PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY AT 11:09 EVERYDAY <i>(inspired by Luke 11:9: "So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you")</i> </div>	17
18 YFC "ON CALL" SUNDAY 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Sunday School - Adult Forum 10:00 Worship - Led by On Call 11:15 Fellowship 7:00 Youth Group	19	20	21 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP With Lord's Supper	22 THANKSGIVING 	23	24
25 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum - Sunday School 10:00 Worship	26	27 6:30 Men's Study "Joseph - Carpenter of steel"	28 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:15 Confirm. Meal 6:30 Confirmation	29 <div> LORD'S SUPPER DATES FOR NOVEMBER : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, November 4 Thanksgiving Eve (November 21) </div>	30	Dec 1

Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

Nov 4	Eve Bajari
Nov 11	Terrell Abbott
Nov 18	On Call
Nov 25	Scott Wachter
Dec 2	Bryson Wachter
Dec 9	Wendy Robbin
Dec 16	Children's Christmas Program
Dec 23	Mona Hjelle
Dec 30	Phil Iverson

Fellowship Servers

Nov 4	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
Nov 11	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Nov 18	Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky
Nov 25	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
Dec 2	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Dec 9	Mona Hjelle /
Dec 16	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
Dec 23	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
Dec 30	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson

Children's Church Schedule

Nov 4	Mona Hjelle
Nov 11	Eve Bajari
Nov 18	Michelle Johnson
Nov 25	Grace Geer
Dec 2	Mona Hjelle
Dec 9	Eve Bajari
Dec 16	Children's Christmas Program
Dec 23	Grace Geer
Dec 30	Donna Peterson

Make A Meal Volunteers

November	Scott & Tammy Wachter	Nancy Jo Wendt
December	Wendy Robbin	Bryson Wachter
January	Pam Johnson	Donna Peterson
February	Jamie Iverson	Mona Hjelle
March	Gracie Geer	Laurel Iverson
April	Pastor David	Linda Dilley

Custodian

Nov	Needed
Dec	Needed

Thot for a day: If carrots are so good for the eyes, how come I see so many dead rabbits on the highway?

Elders

Nov 4	Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
Nov 21	Troy Hansen & Scott Wachter
Dec 2	Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
Dec 16	Troy Hansen & Scott Wachter
Dec 25	Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Nov 4	Carson Jaspersen
Nov 11	Noah Miller
Nov 18	Andy Sharp
Nov 25	Lance Sawatzky
Dec 2	George Arends-Schmidt
Dec 9	Carson Jaspersen
Dec 16	Noah Miller
Dec 23	Andy Sharp
Dec 30	Lance Sawatzky

Usher / Greeter Schedule

Nov 4	Jamie & Phil Iverson	Bryson Wachter
Nov 11	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen	Laurel Iverson
Nov 18	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter	Bonnie Hansen
Nov 21	Lonny Robbin & Jason Olson	Greeter needed
Nov 25	Troy Hansen & Brady Sharp	Greeter needed
Dec 2	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer	Bryson Wachter
Dec 9	Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle	Laurel Iverson
Dec 16	Kevin & Noah Welsh	Bonnie Hansen
Dec 23	Jamie & Phil Iverson	
Dec 30	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen	

Confirmation Meal

Nov 7	Vicky Skotterud
Nov 14	Pam Johnson
Nov 21	Julie Bajari
Nov 28	Tim Geer
Dec 5	Vicky Skotterud
Dec 12	Pam Johnson
Dec 19	Julie Bajari
Dec 26	No Class

November Discipleship Verse...



*"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever."*

Psalm 136:1 (and many others)

Building Thanks...

- To our Living Word Building Committee. We appreciate your leadership, hours of work and passion for getting this done.
Mark Fuglie Jamie Iverson Mona Hjelle
Brent Sawatzky Kevin Welsh.
- To these local contractors and businesses we worked with:

Joe Caskey Masonry	Electrical Plus
Extreme Panel	Halverson Co.
Dick Holmgren Drywall	Home Depot
Lake Region Bank	Menard's
Mord's Hardware Hank	Oak Ridge Construction
Perkins Lumber	Ron Philippi Plumbing
Riverview Refrigeration	Sherwin Williams
Neil Stai Excavation	Thein Well
Vegdahl Hardware	Vosika Portables
- To every Living Word member - past and present who had a hand or voice in planning and putting this facility together
- To Marcia Welsh & Nancy Jo Wendt for recruiting the volunteers
- To all 'friends of Living Word' who also helped make this happen.
- To Charlie Koch for making his land available to us.
- To our Minnesota North District LC-MS Mission and Ministry Facilitator Dave Strohschein, District President Don Fondow and Rev. Mike Ruhl for your guidance and support in so many ways.
- To the congregations of the Montevideo Circuit for your support.
- To our friends at Faith Lutheran - Spicer, NL Covenant, Peace Lutheran - New London, and Redeemer Lutheran - Willmar for lending your facilities when needed for funerals and weddings.

Special Building Thanks To:

Kevin Welsh for the countless hours spent as our volunteer General Contractor directing traffic and coordinating people, plans and materials.

EXTRA Special Building Thanks To:

Our Triune God for the privilege of being chosen to make disciples and for being patient with us, giving us direction and providing all the resources and people we needed to accomplish His will in this.

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Thot for a day: Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce

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E-Mail Wisdom... (received via e-mail)

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us.

My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, "Why did you just do that? That guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage -- frustration, anger, disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you.

Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on.

Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.

SLIDESHOW of BUILDING THE CHURCH PHOTOS

Is available to watch:

- 1) At our website
<http://www.livingwordlutheran.net/building%20video.htm>
- 2) On DVD - ask Pastor David or Scott Wachter for a copy

Missed the Dedication?

We've got it on video. Find it at our website:

www.livingwordlutheran.net

E-Mail Humor...

WHAT KIDS HEAR

** Hymns **

Schenectady, NY: I once knew a child whose favorite Sunday school song was "Gladly, the Cross-Eyed Bear." (Actual hymn: *Gladly the Cross I'd Bear*)

Lake Forest Park, WA: When I was a little girl, we sang a song in Sunday school about Noah. Part of the chorus was "And the rains came down, and the floods came up." We lived next door to a couple of charming little girls who always sang this song while playing in their garden. Their words were, "And the rains came down, and the spuds came up."

** The Creed **

Tampa, FL: When my husband was 6 years old, he thought the creed said: "He suffered under a bunch of violets." (The real words are "under Pontius Pilate.")

** The Lord's Prayer **

From San Francisco: When I was a child, I always thought God's name was Howard, because we pray "Our Father, who are in Heaven, Howard be thy name." s

Missoula, MT: My son, who is in nursery school, said, "Our Father, who art in Heaven, how didja know my name?"

Uniontown, OH: I remember thinking this prayer was "Give us this day our jelly bread."

Grand Junction, CO: When I was younger, I believed the line was "Lead a snot into temptation." I thought I was praying for my little sister to get into trouble.

** Prayers in General **

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls."

This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?"

Her response, "Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

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That for a day: I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was going to blame you.

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Upcoming Events...

Mark Your November Calendars :

Church Directory Pictures:

Sundays, Nov 4 & 11, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 10, 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Sign up for a 15-minute time slot in the fellowship area. Please talk to Linda Dilley if you aren't able to make any of the available dates.

'Sweet Adelines' Lead Music for Worship

Living Word member Linda Dilley and her old-time Gospel group will lead our songs on Sunday, November 11

Celebrate With Wally & Elaine Abraham on their 60th Wedding Anniversary

We will have coffee and cake after worship on November 11 in honor of Wally and Elaine and their special milestone. Please join us.

Fall Voters' Assembly

Our Mission & Ministry Team met in for a Strategic Planning Session in October and set out their goals and plans for 2013. At their regular meeting they put together a proposed budget for the coming year. The Fall Voters' Assembly meets on Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30 to discuss and approve goals and budget for 2013.

Due to incomplete Voters' Assembly records from the past year, the MMT passed a resolution allowing all eligible Living Word members to vote at this initial Voters' Assembly in our new facility.

Youth for Christ's On Call

Music Team

Sunday, November 18 -
during worship



Community Choir Concert

to benefit the Link. Sunday, November, 18th at 7:00 pm
At Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church.
Free will offering accepted.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 21 2 7:00 p.m.
(more info on page 4)

Sharing the Love of God In Practical Ways...

Use Our Make-A-Meal Program

Several years ago we began the Make-A-Meal program as a way to share Jesus' love/mercy with people going through a tough time. Please use the Prayer and Care cards in the attendance pad at worship or call Pastor David or Meal Coordinator Linda Dilley if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks!

Immediate Need for Children's Church Leaders

We are in immediate need of Children's Church Leaders. The only pre-requisite is a love for Jesus and for His kids. You read a Bible story or Object Lesson, take prayer requests from the kids and lead them in prayer; and do an activity with the kids that reinforces the lesson. Lessons are provided. You simply show up and lead. Please talk to Pastor David or Mona Hjelle if you could help lead Children's Church once every 6 weeks or so.

Custodian of the Month

Now that we are in our own building, we need to provide our own custodian services. So, we will be starting a Custodian of the Month schedule where you (or your whole family) sign up to provide the necessary cleaning. A check-list of duties will be provided. Please consider being a part of this service. Talk to Trustee Lonny Robbin if you can help. Thanks.

Help Planning Congregational Fellowship Events

Do you like to plan and organize activities that get people together to serve or have fun? Talk to Congregational Outreach Coordinator Linda Dilley for details on how you can help. Thanks!

Accompanist Still Needed

Our 1st and 3rd Week accompanist Susan Johnson, has moved to Hudson, WI, so we are in need of people who can help in worship by providing accompaniment on piano, organ or keyboard. Please talk to Pastor David if you can help - or know of someone who can. Thanks!

Prayer List from Worship Available to Take Home

We have begun printing off the prayer requests from worship, so you can take them home and keep them in your prayers during the week.

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Thot for a day He who lives in a glass house should change his clothes in the basement.

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Elders Available For Prayer After Worship

God tells us in the book of James (5:14-15), "Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.... Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord." Our Living Word Elders (Troy Hansen, Kevin Welsh, Jason Miller and Brady Sharp) will be available each week after worship at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you.

You can help with our Support of Heidy

We have committed to \$32/month to help pay for basic needs and Christian education opportunities for Heidy. Donations may be placed in the "Heidy" box on the usher table at church.

LWML News...

Our next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 7:00 p.m. (Immediately following the Fall Voters' Assembly. Please join us.

This past month several LWML members attended the Fall Joy Shop and heard from a woman who grew up as a Christian in a Muslim world.



Story Behind The Song...

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

Ask people to name a Thanksgiving song and "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" would probably be among the top two answers. (The other being "Now Thank We All Our God") It was written for the English harvest festivals, a movable feast which varies according to the harvest time in different villages that celebrate it.

The hymn writer, Henry "Dean" Alford, is regarded as a gifted, Christian leader of the 19th century, a distinguished theologian and scholar. He was also a writer, poet, artist and musician. Born in 1810 in London, it was as a Greek scholar that Alford attained his greatest distinction. His four-volume edition of the Greek Testament, on which he labored for twenty years, became the standard critical commentary of the later nineteenth century.

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" first appeared in Alford's Psalms and Hymns in 1844. Originally, it was meant to be a harvest song, and titled "After Harvest" with seven stanzas. Only four remained in common use. Of the hymns written by Alford

only "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" is still in use in most evangelical hymnals. A summary of the four remaining stanzas:

Stanza One - An invitation and exhortation to give thanks to God, in His earthly temple which is God's Church, and for His care and provision to humankind's needs.

Stanzas Two and Three - They are Alford's commentaries on the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares as recorded in the book of St Matthew.

Stanza Four - A prayer for the Lord's return, a culminating event that Alford sees as an ultimate show of God's goodness in His purpose of humankind's redemption.

The tune used for this hymn is "St. George's, Windsor" whose composer was George J Elvey, an organist who served as organist for 47 years at the historic, Royal Chapel at Windsor Castle in England. He originally composed the music for another text. In 1861, the tune first appeared with Alford's text in the Anglican hymnal, Hymns Ancient and Modern. He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1871.

*Come, ye thankful people, come - Raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in. Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide, For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come - Raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in Thy garner to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.*

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Thot for a day: Fools rush in...and get all the best seats.

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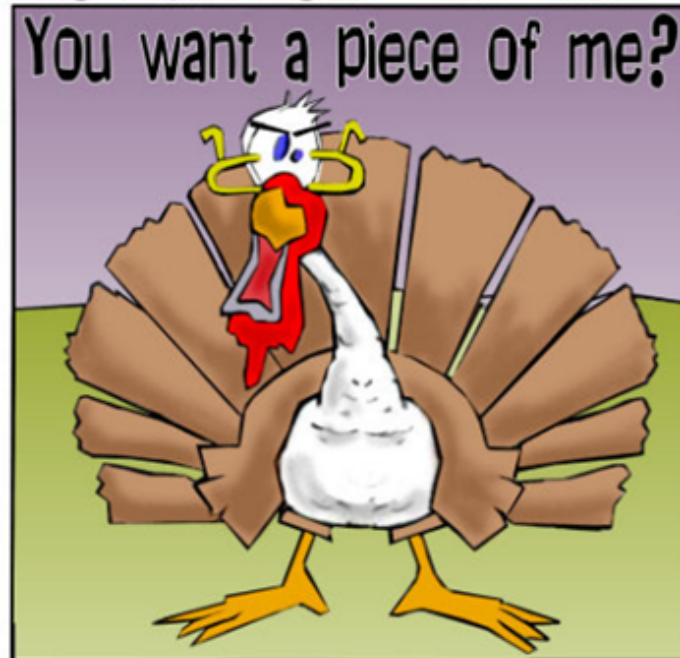
Editor's note: Starting last month, I will attempt to find a good online version of the song in our "Story Behind the Song". This month I would like to share this excellent version of this hymn.

Watch at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XJtP35TzQ>

Collecting Items for a Time Capsule:

Bring something that signifies our faith and church at this point in time. Maybe a cd, movie, book, photos, predictions, news clippings, etc.... Also bring a favorite Bible passage to show even though some elements of our faith and religion change over the years, the most important - the rock-solid foundation that is the Living Word of God - never will.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



My reply to this defiant Turkey is.. "Yes, thank you, I'll take a drumstick. *One body, many parts... white meat, dark, and drumstick all are important. 1 Cor 12:12-26* (turkey translation)